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In re Application of

Hisao Hayashi

Serial No.: 09/492,521

Group Art Unit: 2626

Filed: January 27, 2000

Examiner: Negussie Worku

For: COMPACT IMAGE SCANNER CAPABLE OF READING BOTH A LIGHT-REFLECTING ARTICLE AND A LIGHT-TRANSMITTING ARTICLE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

This paper is in preparation for imminent appeal and in response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2004.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-6, 8-12, 14-18, and 20-24 are all the claims presently pending in the application.

Claims 1-2, 8, 14, and 21-23 are independent.